Skipton Community News

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FREE
WEEKLY

SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL RETURNS NOVEMBER 8TH IN SMYTHE STREET



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THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

OUTREACH LIBRARY COMING TO STREATHAM WEEKLY

The Ararat Rural City Library Outreach Van attends Streatham Hall every Monday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

ARARAT RURAL CITY LIBRARY

All are welcome.

Guests can browse a selection of reading and listening materials, have any requested items delivered, and learn about upcoming events.

For further information, please contact the Ararat Rural City Library on 03 5352 1722.

—Ararat Rural City Council—

STREATHAM & SURROUNDS FIRE RECOVERY HUB

The Fire Recovery Hub is open every Friday from 1pm to 3pm at Streatham Hall.

Afternoon tea is provided. The Fire Recovery Officer from Ararat Rural City Council is in attendance every week for residents to discuss available support, catch up with local residents, and share upcoming events & plans.

FREE TECH HELP AT THE HUB from 16th OCT

ARARAT RURAL CITY LIBRARY
DIGITAL LITERACY SUPPORT

This is a free service for residents of Streatham and surrounds who may have questions about technology - whether it is how to use their phone, laptop or tablet; accessing online services; staying safe online; avoiding scams; resetting passwords; or any other concerns about our increasingly digital world.

Ararat Library's Digital Literacy Support Officer will be at the Streatham Fire Recovery Hub on the following Fridays:

- 16th October
- 30th October
- 13th November
- 20th November
- 4th December
- 11th December

Please bring the device you would like assistance with along.

For more details, please contact Moya on 03 5355 0232.

—Ararat Rural City Council—

Rustic Kitchen

AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

26 ROKEWOOD-SKIPTON ROAD, SKIPTON, 3361

SKIPTON CEMETERY TRUST

The Skipton Cemetery Trust is seeking help from the community with the replacement of trees that were cut down.

All donations of $100 or more to replace these trees will have the donors name placed on a board near the front gate.

Please make direct debit donations to:

Bendigo Community Bank
BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 163398050
Account Name: Skipton Cemetery Trust
Reference: Trees + family name

For more information, contact:

Bob Thornton (Secretary) on 0413351144
OR email skipton.cemetery.au@gmail.com

—Bob Thornton, Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—

COMMUNITY NOTICE
NOTICE OF SFNC AGM

18th November 2026, 7pm at the clubrooms. Nominations to the Secretary by 11th November via skiptonfncsecretary@gmail.com.

All members welcome.

—Skipton Football Netball Club —



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COMMUNITY NOTICE FROM FRIENDS OF LISMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Following last week's article regarding the formation of the group Friends of Lismore Presbyterian Church and the impending decision of a sale of the historic building.

For any interested parties who would like more information and would like to be in touch with the Friends of Lismore Presbyterian Church, you may contact Andrew Lang, Chair, via email at andrewlang001@bigpond.com.

—Andrew Lang , Chair of Friends of Lismore Presbyterian Church—

Contact details for the Presbytery of Western Victoria can be found on their website: wesvicpres.ucavictas.org.au/contact-us

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning,
We will remember them

Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will hold a

Remembrance Day Service on
Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 11.00 a.m.
at the War Memorial in Anderson Street, Skipton.



All are welcome to attend and participate, we would ask that all assemble at 10.45a.m. for the Service at 11.00 a.m.

The traditional poppies can be laid at the foot of the War Memorial, and in memory of those who served in whatever part of the world we would welcome floral tributes, laid quietly at the end of the ceremony for family members, friends and companions in time of war.

Following the Service all are welcome to join Friends of the RSL for refreshments in the Supper Room of the Skipton Mechanics Hall From 11.15 a.m

. ***Please contact Secretary , Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch on 0403 530 293 Or President Graham on 0408 838 261 for further information, or for help with transport***

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The Communities of Streatham, Carranballac and Skipton are INVITED to share lunch in the BLACKS CREEK GARDEN on Wednesday 28th October from 11.00am to 3.00pm.
This is a chance to thank all who helped with the Creation of the Fire Book and Film, Thank the Potterupperers and Bulbarians, Thank the creators of the wooden toys and plants from the Hamilton Community House and generally have a relaxing lunch, chat and cuppa. So really, the invitation covers everyone!
BRING A PLATE OF LUNCH TO SHARE, sun hat or raincoat to use and dress in HAPPY, JOYFULL COLOURS.
Tea, coffee and water will be provided as will be tables and chairs (although pop an extra CHAIR in just in case).
This is a very relaxed, casual gathering so feel free to come and go when you wish.
Hostess--Pat Gabb --2273 Carngham Streatham Road, Stoneleigh. 0473421802—Entry at the mailbox surrounded by garden and old bikes

SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB
UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Come in for a fun evening, good food, and great atmosphere!

Skipton Golf & Bowls Club
26 Rokewood-Skipton Rd, Skipton

- Darts & Pizzas - Wednesday nights from 6:30pm
- Meat raffle draw every Saturday night at 6:45pm

Tickets sold from Wednesday night till Saturday night.

- Golf tournament/Barefoot Bowls Day coming up on **Sunday 22nd November**. Details to come.
- The next Club Working Bee - **Sunday 6th December**, 9:30am-12:30pm.

We are looking at putting in a sand scrape as a trial. We would like help and constructive opinions.

Rustic Kitchen also open for dinner. Check the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club Facebook page for what's on specials and menu. www.facebook.com/thebaratskiptongolfandbowlsclub

—Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

COMMUNITY NOTICE FROM SKIPTON FIRE BRIGADE

Hey Skipton and surrounding community, as we head into the warmer months, the Skipton Fire Brigade CFA wants to keep everyone informed about ongoing monitoring and fire safety within the January fire footprint.

Here is what you need to know over the coming weeks:

- We are aware of recent re-ignitions from the January fire within the fire footprint. The safety and peace of mind of our community is our top priority. If you are a local landowner and have any concerns at all about your property or the surrounding area, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know.
- From this week, the CFA will have a team of drones & low-flying helicopter conducting comprehensive thermal imaging flyovers across the entire fire footprint. Don't be alarmed if you see or hear it operating at a lower altitude - it's all part of our tracking process.
- As the weather warms up and conditions dry out, please remember that bonfires lit earlier this year can retain deep heat. These need to be closely monitored as they pose a serious risk as potential ignition sources.

Stay safe, look out for one another, and keep an eye on changing conditions.

If you see an active, unattended fire, or smoke, always call 000 immediately.

For general burn-off registrations, you can contact the CFA hotline on 1800 668 511.

—CFA Skipton Brigade—



Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact Marilyn Ellis on 5340 3515 for enquiries
Usual Service times
9:00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries
Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation Skipton/Lismore
10am at Skipton each week



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

Service Times

- Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am

St Aloysius' Redan
St James' Sebastopol
St Peter's Linton

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale & Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con Bagaoisan OSJ
Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan
Telephone: 0435 494 472

Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio Lizada OSJ
Telephone: 0450 017 007

Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers
Redan: Bernadette Lynch
Telephone: 0455 212 123
Email: redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 4pm

Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien
Telephone: 0428 699 624
Email: sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am - 3pm

For Linton Parish enquiries, contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

The parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Parish Mass Times
St Aloysius, Redan & St James, Sebastopol: Thursday 9:30am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am
St Brigid's, Snake Valley, St Peter's, Linton & St John's, Skipton: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

3 Lyons St, South Ballarat
Telephone: 5331 2933
Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Web: stpatscathedral.weebly.com
www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/
Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

St. Patrick's Parish, Ballarat

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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE

Skipton Community News Banking Details
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CORANGAMITE SHIRE

SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

Beaufort Road, Skipton

Skipton Transfer Station opens fortnightly on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-5pm

Wednesday 21st October
Sunday 1st November
Wednesday 4th November
Sunday 15th November
Wednesday 18th November
Sunday 29th November
Wednesday 2nd December



Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection

Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month
Green bin collected weekly between October & December

Tuesday 20th October:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 27th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 3rd November:	Red, yellow, green & purple bins
Tuesday 10th November:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 17th November:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 24th November:	Red, yellow & green bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK AT JUBILEE CENTRE

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS	**2PM-5PM**
WEDNESDAYS	**12PM-3PM**
THURSDAYS	**9AM-12PM**

An emergency community pantry providing free food, toiletries and hygiene products, cleaning supplies and other necessities to those in need, no questions asked.

Please consider a financial donation to:
SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP
BSB 633 000 Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP OPENING HOURS

The after-hours phone number for Stan has changed to **5340 2478**

Monday - Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	10am - 3pm
Sunday	10am - 2pm

SKIPTON LIBRARY AT THE MECHANICS HALL

Corangamite Moyne Library Service

5 Anderson St, Skipton

Open Tuesday 10am-12pm
Friday 3pm-5pm

Fiction, non-fiction, Large Print, DVDs, eBooks, children's books & DVDs, biographies, and more.
Free membership, all welcome.

Publish your meeting or events dates in the Skipton Community News each week!
Email details to the Editor to skiptonscn@gmail.com
Post us a flyer to PO Box 60, Skipton VIC 3361
Or drop us a note into our drop boxes in either the roadhouse or the Skipton Country Grocers.
The deadline for inclusion is 4pm every Friday, to be printed in the next week's newsletter.
Story contributions are also welcome.

LIONS CLUB SHED GETS MUCH NEEDED CLEAN-OUT

The recently re-chartered Skipton Lions Club has been bringing renewed energy to the Lions Club shed at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton.



Previously used to collect recyclable material from residents for transfer to a disposal site, the shed has sat with a large amount of cardboard pallets stacked up and taking up all of the space in the shed.

Some hard yakka put in by Lions Ivan Sanders, Ian Phillips and Dale McIntyre has cleared not just the cardboard inside the shed, but also the significant collection of the aluminium and hard rubbish that was sitting out the back.



A huge thank you to Kiernan Malloy for his truck, used to transport the cardboard bundles to Melbourne, as well as the fine people from Fox & Lilly for the use of their machine to load the truck.





The Shed is also home to the Skipton Community Garden, which is always happy for helping hands. Their next Working Bee will be on the second weekend of November.

Come along to help put in some seedlings for the first summer crops and find out how you can help out in any small way.

All ages and abilities welcome, no experience or tools required. Bring a hat, wear some sunscreen, and have some fun with your neighbours!

—Report by Kathy Leewai, photographs courtesy of Dale McIntyre—

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

CELEBRATING A REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION



Beaufort & Skipton Health Service staff recently connected directly with locals at a series of regional community expos as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival that runs through October.

These regional events provide an opportunity for the Health Service to highlight services available, listen to community feedback, and bridge the gap between rural residents and vital medical resources.

Staff provided educational brochures and had meaningful one-on-one conversations detailing the organisation's services including the Support At Home Program, the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Allied Health Services, Social Support Groups and Volunteer Opportunities.

By stepping into community spaces, the Health Service hope to ensure that seniors, growing families, and vulnerable individuals across both Shires know what resources are available to them and how to access them. These face-to-face initiatives are a powerful tool for breaking down traditional barriers to healthcare access.

Thank you to Corangamite Shire Council and Pyrenees Shire Council for organising these valuable opportunities for community members.

Beaufort & Skipton Health Service

Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100
bshs.org.au
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LUKE: 0427 860 479
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Movie Night Skipton Mechanic's Hall
October 30th



Date: Friday October 30th

Time: Doors open 6:30pm Screening 7:00pm

Admission: Adults $10, Couples $15 With Supper

Children under 12 free but must be accompanied by an adult

Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 5 Anderson Street Skipton

Pyrenees Community House

STOCKYARD HILL Wind Farm

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School phone: 5340 2002 Email: skipton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au www.skiptonps.vic.edu.au

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS

Michelle's Award

Amity - For your wonderful effort and hard work in Maths. You have shown such a persistence and confidence and have become a fantastic Maths leader. We are so proud of you, Amity!

Miss Mac's Award

Hendrix - For demonstrating resilience when writing a narrative independently and including interesting language in your writing. Great work!

Mrs Donald's Award

Dom - For working intently on improving his neatness during handwriting lessons and making a good effort to remember the importance of structure when writing in different text types.

Mrs Bourke's Award

Jack - For demonstrating outstanding growth in your writing by confidently exploring figurative language, selecting precise and purposeful vocabulary, and showing impressive determination to communicate your ideas effectively to your intended audience. Keep challenging yourself and taking pride in your progress!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 4

Thursday 29th October
- Emergency Services Day
- 2027 Prep Transition 9-10

Friday 30th October
- Colour Run

Term 4, Week 5

Monday 2nd November
- STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Friday 6th November
- Grade 5/6 Cricket

Term 4, Week 6

Thursday 12th November
2027 Prep Transition 9-10

Term 4, Week 7

Monday 16th November
- School council

Thursday 19th November
- 2027 Prep Transition 9-10

Friday 20th November
- Assembly 3:10pm

Term 4, Week 8

Tuesday 24th November
- Dance Workshop

Thursday 26th November
WHOLE SCHOOL SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION!!!

Term 4, Week 9

Swimming Starts!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

JUNIOR LANDCARE WINNERS



Did you hear the exciting news? We won the Victorian Junior Landcare Award!

To be presented with the award by Peter Garrett was such a special moment. Hearing how proud Costa Georgiadis was of our project made it even more memorable! We are so proud of our students, our community and everyone who supported us along the way!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - CRICKET

This term we have started cricket in P.E. lessons, students have been developing their cricket skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities. It has been wonderful to see students improving their skills and enthusiasm for the game each week.

Our Grade 5 & 6 students will have the chance to represent Skipton on Friday 6th November at the Eureka Cricket Competition.

TERM 4 RUN CLUB

We are excited to announce that Run Club is back this term and will once again provide students with a positive start to their day through movement, connection and fun.

Regular physical activity helps students build confidence, resilience and healthy habits, while also providing opportunities to connect with peers in a supportive and encouraging environment. Whether students are running laps, setting personal goals or simply enjoying being active with friends, Run Club promotes both physical and mental wellbeing.

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NATIONAL WATER WEEK POSTER WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Central Highlands Water (CHW) is excited to announce the winners of the annual National Water Week poster competition from over 100 entries received through local primary schools and early years centres.

National Water Week is held annually in the third week of October with the poster competition promoting 'Water Heroes: Make Every Drop Count', which encourages individuals, communities and organisations to become champions of water conservation in their everyday lives.

Aligning with CHW's More Than Water - 2040 Strategy, National Water Week highlights our ongoing commitment to delivering value to customers and the wider community through the continued promotion of the essential role water plays in our lives.

This year, schools across the CHW service region created creative and vibrant posters. From water-saving ideas and conversation starters to recreational water use and water in the environment, students created artwork that imaginatively aligned to this year's theme.

"The very popular National Water Week poster competition provides us with an opportunity to engage and educate our younger generations around the importance of water and its value in the community," said Central Highlands Water Managing Director, Jeff Haydon.

"We would like to thank all the participants for entering and congratulate the winners of this year's competition."

CONGRATUALTIONS TO:

Early Years Learning / Kindergarten

- Winner - Goodstart Early Learning Alfredton

Prep / Foundation

- Winner - Holly, Skipton Primary School
- Runner-up - Dustyn, Waubra Primary School

Year 1-2

- Winner - Kiara, Skipton Primary School
- Runner-up - Hunter, Skipton Primary School

Year 3-4

- Winner - Tilly, Siena Catholic Primary School
- Runner-up - Bella, Skipton Primary School
- Honourable mention - Claudia, Skipton Primary School

Year 5-6

- Winner - Chrissie, Siena Catholic Primary School
- Runner-up - Alice, Waubra Primary School
- Honourable mention - Eden, Waubra Primary School

—Media release and supplied picture: Central Highlands Water—

NEW BOOK ON THE ICONIC AUSTINS OF BORRIYALLOAK

My brother Des, a Skipton boy who has written 11 books, has just completed his latest book, *The Austins of Borriyalloak*. This well researched and finely crafted volume, which has been four years in the making, is the only book ever written on the Austins of Borriyalloak and has resources an extensive bibliography.

This story begins with the early settlement of Skipton by three Scottish pastoralists in 1839, Anderson, Montgomery and Wright and, through accessing government records of 1849, resolves a longstanding riddle concerning the size and scope of their holding, Bamgamie.

It then explores the life of the eminent pastoralist and philanthropist, Francis Ormond, who owned Borriyalloak from 1851 until it was sold to Albert Austin in 1889. Ormond, through his generous donations, played a pivotal role in the educational, religious and cultural development of Victoria. It then takes a deep dive into the Austins of Borriyalloak and unpacks their many achievements and their significant input to the Skipton community.

Harold, the last Austin to own Borriyalloak, was a larger-than-life character, in more ways than one, tipping the scales at 24 stone (153kg) at one stage. In the 1960s, this jovial character would rock up to the Skipton pub on a Friday night, either in his Toyota Landcruiser (the first in Skipton) or his Bentley, accompanied by his good mate, David Calvert. His old Landcruiser has been beautifully restored by Charles Fairbairn Calvert and Charles has kindly supplied before and after photos. Thanks to Harold's grandsons, Andrew and Robert Philip, the book contains 10 never-before-seen photos of Harold covering his sporting, army and farming life. The account of a Richard Travers holiday visits to Borriyalloak provide a wonderful, behind the scenes, insights into the life of his uncle Harold.

There are 16 appendices, including one on Harold's close mate, David Calvert, which explores his 1950s Round Australia Car Trial heroics with co-driver, Arthur Smith. There is another dedicated to Ernest Austin's chauffeur, Harry Hawker, the founder of the Hawker Aircraft company.

The book, consisting of 148 pages and complemented by over 200 historical photos and maps, is superbly presented in hardcover format and the internal pages are produced in full colour on an attractive and durable gloss paper. Many of the historical photos had survived in a very poor condition. Thanks to modern technology, they have been restored and are now crisp and clear without losing any of their historical authenticity. The raft of historic photos includes 31 of Skipton's early days, stretching back to the 1850s.

Books can be purchased for $50 each and must be paid for prior to printing. Orders will need to be lodged and paid by the 12th of November.

Please contact Ian Moyle to discuss payment arrangements: phone 0419 680 444 or email ian.moyle@outlook.com.

—Ian Moyle—

FIRE BOOK & FILM LAUNCHED AT SKIPTON HALL



The launch of the Streatham, Carranballac, Skipton Fire Book and Film - Saturday 24th October 2026.

The extended impacted community and supporters of the January 9th 2026 fire that swept through the area with such swift devastation gathered in the Skipton Hall on the evening Saturday 24th October.

200 people attended the evening to collect, purchase and share the Photo Book "*Flaming Hell*" and the Film "*After The Flames*" as this historical record was launched to also hopefully help with the community's long journey of recovery.

It is the culmination of 10 months work with so many people involved including a photo exhibition in June, involving 25 photographers and artists, 45 Oral History Interviews in the Hall and on location over 5 frantic days in June/July, and multiple hours of work to consolidate the final creations.

Great music from Liam Baker, delicious food from Magnolia's in Beaufort, volunteer support from the Beaufort Apex Club and the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast, stunning flowers by Linsey Forbes all created a Hall full of activity, connection and empathy for the whole community on Saturday evening, the 24th October 2026.

Tom Walter and Sharna Rogers, from FitzMedia in Warrnambool, who created the Film "*After The Flames*", shared the evening with our community which was very special as they worked long and hard to create a film which is compassionate, true, deeply empathetic and stirred the emotions of everyone in the Hall that night.

The Book, "*Flaming Hell*", was created by Elisha Carter from Star Printing in Warrnambool. Elisha grew up in Skipton with her family and attended the Skipton Primary School so she was deeply connected and excited to create our Photo Book.

The project was financially supported by the Pyrenees Shire, Corangamite Shire, Bendigo Bank Beaufort, Bendigo Bank Willaura/ Lake Bolac, The National Centre for Farmers Health - Hamilton, Rowly and Judy Paterson, The Rotary Club of Beaufort, FitzMedia Productions, LINA, and Berrybank Wind Development.

The project was also supported by multiple local and outside volunteers who contributed to this project. Without the 45 local people who shared their stories in the filmed Oral History interviews, the Film would not be what it is - a gusty, true but emotional journey for many of our community. We also celebrate the photos and moves share by local photographers who shared their creations with us - without all these contributors this record would not have happened. It has been very humbling to share this journey with so many wonderful people and it is truly a Special Community Event and Historical Record.

Sandy Joy Wilson, a local from Skipton, created a beautiful oil painting of the fire from a photo by Scott Barr which is also the front cover of our book.

This painting has been donated to ALL the community by Sandy and Our Project to be cared for by the Skipton Historical Society.

The Book "Flaming Hell" and the Film "After The Flames" are available for purchase from the Beaufort Newsagency.

Our deep and sincere THANKS are extended to all who believed in this Project and supported the beautiful outcome.

—Pat Gabb and Lisa Wills—



SHIRE MOVIE MORNING

featuring

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

1961 Comedy/Romance

Starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen, Martin Balsam and Mickey Rooney

WHERE: SKIPTON HALL

WHEN: TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER, 10:30AM

FREE ENTRY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PLEASE CALL 5593 7100 ASK FOR BELINDA OR LESA



Sound Bath with Shelley from H.O.P.E.
Saturday 21st November from 10 - 11:30am
at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club

proudly sponsored by SKIPTON FOOD BANK

Tickets $10 - bookings essential!
https://events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing

SCAN ME

Alternatively scan QR code
or contact Tash on 0435894546 to book.

Bring yoga mat, a cushion, blanket, water, journal & pen







Write a Will
A New Year's resolution you should keep

Writing or updating your Will should be at the top of your 'to do' list in 2026. Contact our experienced team to get it started. We can also assist with:

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BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.
These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

TRAPPED UNDER WATER

CAR SKIDS INTO RIVER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

When his motor car ran off the Hume Highway near Euroa and overturned in a stream late last night Mr David Readdie, 26 years, of St. Kilda road, was trapped inside the car under the water. Frantically he tried to force his way through the windscreen opening, and then through the windows, but found it impossible. He suceeded, however, in opening one of the doors, and scrambled to the bank. He was unhurt, but the car was badly damaged.

Mr Readdie was driving to Melbourne at the time, and evidently fell asleep at the wheel. The car suddenly went into a skid and left the road.

RECOGNITION OF FLIGHT

AVIATION POST SUGGESTED.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Notice has been given in Parliament of the question whether the New Zealand Government will offer a position in the civil aviation service to Miss Jean Batten in recognition of her flight from England.

Miss Batten drove to Hamilton and Wellington to-day and at every stopping point was thronged by crowds.

WATER COMMISSION

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Recommendations by the Royal Commission on Water Supply regarding changes in the constitution and personnel of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission will not be considered by the Government until the Royal Commission presents its final report, according to the Minister for Water Supply (Mr Old).

A HOUSEWIFE'S HINTS.

If you want to cream butter and sugar quickly when baking a cake, pour some boiling water into the mixing bowl, let it stand for a few minutes then empty and dry the bowl before putting in cream or sugar. This method will soften the butter without melting it. Use a wooden spoon for beating.

If you are making open tarts, and want to prevent fruit or filling soaking into the pastry, brush over the pastry with white of egg before adding the fruit.

If you are making small sponge cakes, grease patty tins with butter, then sift over them a mixture, half flour and half sugar. This will give them a slight sugary coating and make them turn out more easily.

If you are making roll sandwiches, i.e., thin slices of bread rolled round asparagus tips, or spread with various mixtures and rolled, buy a loaf the day before you want to use it, cut the crust off, wrap in a damp cloth, and next day you will find that it will slice and roll more easily.

If you want to peel tomatoes quickly hold them on to the end of a fork over a gas ring for a minute. The skin will burst and come off more easily.

To spread icing on a cake evenly use a broad, flat knife, and dip it continually in boiling water. If you want to cut new bread thinly, heat the knife first. To cut sticky, dried fruits such as figs, dates, raisins, or apricots, use floured scissors or a floured knife.

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Nurse Led Clinic
9:00 AM— 5:00 PM Mon—Fri

Pathology
9:00 AM—12:30 PM Mon—Fri

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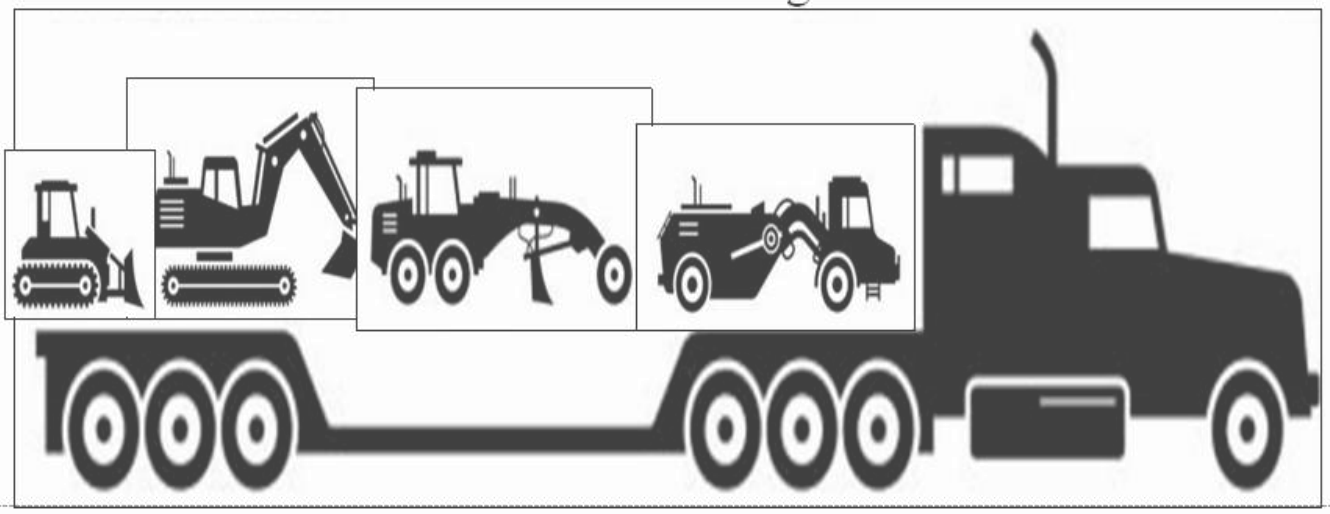
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For more information on how to stay safe, go to corangamite.vic.gov.au/Fire-ready

WELLBEING AND INCLUSION.

Navigation Support Program

Skipton Library: Tuesday 17 November, 10 am-12 pm.

(No sessions in December.)

Movie of the month

'Breakfast at Tiffany's'
(1961 Audrey Hepburn)

Tuesday 10 November , 10.30 am-12.30 pm, Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall

Holly Golightly, a naïve, eccentric socialite, becomes interested in a struggling writer who moves into her apartment building. But her past threatens to get in the way.

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Thursday 3 December, Rose Room, Terang Civic Hall, 10am

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The Hampden P-12 VPC Class will launch their 2026 video. Special guest Kevin Boyce will share how living with his assistance dog Tina enables him to have a fulfilling life.

RSVP to Council's Positive Ageing Access and Inclusion Team on 5593 7100.

What's on

Three Cheese Workshop

Sunday 1 November
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Learn to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi. $10 per person.
Bookings: Karen, 0427 728 808.

Bingo at Skipton

Wednesday 4 November, 5.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Info: secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au or 0422 738 332.

Skipton Market

Saturday 14 November, 9 am
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Rest & Reset Sound Bath

Saturday 21 November
Skipton Golf & Bowls Club

$10 plus $1.53 fee.
Info: Skipton Food Bank
Bookings: events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-bath.

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

Skipton Senior Citizens Club
Every Monday at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall

From **2pm till 4pm** on Monday, and on the **fourth Monday** have an earlier start of **12 noon** for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!!

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Skipton Historical Society
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Skipton Community Market
The community market is held on the **second Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm**. If you are new in town, or haven't been to the market before, come and enjoy a free morning tea and browse the interesting stalls. For stall bookings, call Jan on 0422 785 017.

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Wednesday 28th October, 11am-3pm BLACKS CREEK GARDEN PARTY Hosted by Pat Gabb at 2273 Carngham-Streatham Rd, Stoneleigh - Entry at the mailbox with the old bikes. Contact Pat for more information on 0473 421 802.

Friday 30th October, 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, featuring *Monster House* (2006) Animated/Horror/Comedy. Doors open 6:30pm, screening at 7pm. Admission $10 for adults, Couples $15 (includes supper), children under 12 FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 1st November, 1pm-3:30pm, THREE CHEESE WORKSHOP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Learn how to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi with Craig Castree. Afternoon tea supplied. $10pp, call Karen to book on 0427 729 808 or visit www.trybooking.com/DQCKB. Brought to you by the Skipton Art Trail Group & proudly supported by the Corangamite Shire and Skipton Progress Association.

Tuesday 3rd November, MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4th November, 5:30pm, FINAL BINGO NIGHT FOR 2026 in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: CHRISTMAS!! Come as Santa or Mrs Clause, an elf or a pixie! Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available, light supper at interval. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!

Sunday 8th November, 10am-3pm, SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL at Smythe Street, Skipton. FREE ENTRY!! Live music, children's entertainment, petting zoo, country market stalls, food vendors, classic car show, sheep shearing demonstration and more! More information on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/2142355616718645

Tuesday 10th November, 10:30am-12:30pm MOVIE A MONTH at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Featuring *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961) Comedy/Romance, starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen, Martin Balsam and Mickey Rooney. Free entry, bookings essential, please call 5593 7100 and ask for Belinda or Lesa.

Wednesday 11th November, 11am REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026 SERVICE mounted by the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch at the Skipton War Memorial. **Lest We Forget**. Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.

Saturday 14th November, 9am-1pm SKIPTON MARKET Almost Summer, and Christmas is round the corner, visit the Skipton Market in the Skipton Mechanics Hall and browse our stalls offering plants, produce, craft, bric-a-brac and jewellery and much more for gift ideas. Catch up with friends and neighbours in our friendly Supper Room for a snack and a chat. For more information and stall bookings, contact Jan, Market Coordinator for the Skipton Progress Association on 0422 785 017.

Wednesday 18th November, 7pm, 2026 SKIPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the SFNC Clubrooms. Nominations to the Secretary by 11th November via skiptonfncsecretary@gmail.com. All members welcome.

Saturday 21st November, 10am-11:30am SOUND BATH WITH SHELLEY FROM H.O.P.E. at the Skipton Golf and Bowls Club. Places are limited, bookings are essential, tickets $10 at events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing. More information, please contact Tash on 0435 894 456.

Friday 27th November, 6:30pm-8:30pm, GRAZE THE DAY LAUNCH EVENT at Keayang Maar Vineyard. 18+ event, $30pp, includes grazing platters and pizza. Drinks at bar prices. Info: www.grazetheday.com.au